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SUBJECT: US -MACAU TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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1. U.S. TEXTILE TEAM IS NOW IW PROCESS OF SCHEDULING TRIP TO HONG KONG, MACAU AND OTHER EAST ASIAN CAPTIALS, OFFERING OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING MACAU'S REQUEST REFB AND OTHER TEXTILE QUESTIORS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SPECIFIC DATES WILL BE PROPOSED SHORTLY.

2. CONGEN SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE MACAU OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE CAREFULLY STUDYING REQUEST AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, CATEGORIES IN QUESTION ARE SPECIFIC LIMITS IN SEVERAL CASES AND THUS ALREADY TAGGED AS SENSITIVE CATEGORIES. SINCE ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF U.S. APPAREL MARKET, WHICH IS CURRENT-

LY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM IMPORTS, WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME
BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO BE FLEXIBLE.

3. REGARDING STRUCTURE OF MACAU AGREEMENT, CONGEN SHOULD
NOTE THAT MACAU REQUEST IS VERY CLEAR, REFLECTING OBVIOUS
CARE IN PREPARATION; AND PASS ON FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:
ACATEGORIES 41, 42 AND 43 ARE COMBINED IN MACAU'S
REQUEST E.G. CATEGORY 41/42/43. IN PARA 3 REF (,
USG AGREED ONLY TO COMBINE CATEGORIES 41/42 WITH ACY
1975 DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 1.4 MILLION SQUARE
YARDS EQUIVALENT SY(E) CATEGORY 43 IS STILL COUNTED
SEPARATELY AND WAS SUBJECT TO A CY 1975 CONSULTATION
LEVEL OF 700,000 SYE. CY 1976 LEVELS WILL BE 6.25
PERCENT HIGHER.

B) CATEGORIES 62, 63 AND 64 HAVE NEVER BEEN COMBINED AS
THEY ARE IN MACAU'S REQUEST. THESE CATEGORIES ARE
COUNTED SEPARATELY AND HAVE CY 1975 LEVELS AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY 62 - 700,000 SYE
CATEGORY 63 - 700,000 SYE
CATEGORY 64 - 1,000,000 SYE

THESE LEVELS ARE SUBJECT OT 6.25 PERCENT GROWTH IN CY 1976.

C) GROUP I LEVEL FOR CY 1976 IS 32,355,587 SYE, CALCU-
LATED ACCORDING TO PARA 6 B) OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

(D) SINCE WE HAVE NEVER SPECIFICALLY RESPONDED TO MACAU'S
REQUEST (REFE TO INCREASE LEVELS OF CATEGORIES 116 AND
117, CONGEN SHOULD CONFIRM THAT WE AGREE THAT LEVELS ARE
AS STATED IN MACAO REQUEST, E.G. FOR CY 1975: CATEGORY
116 - 612,060 SYE AND CATEGORY 117 - 408,040 SYE. AS
CORRECTLY LISTED IN MACAU'S REQUEST, CY 1976 LIMITATION
LEVELS OF THEBE CATEGORIES ARE ONE PERCENT LARGER. KISSINGER

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